

8 in 6 Program

Family Questions

How do I enroll my student in the 8 in 6 Program? The first step is to meet with your school counselor. A participating student must complete the “8 in 6 sign up form” found on the Advanced Opportunities website in the Advanced Opportunities Toolkit (<https://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/advancedOpp/toolkit.htm>). This form should be submitted to the student’s school counselor. Please do not send signed forms to the SDE. The student will also need to create an account through the Advanced Opportunities portal and sign up for reimbursement. For deadlines, please contact your local school district.

How do I withdraw a student from the 8 in 6 Program? To withdraw from the program, a student must complete the “8 in 6 withdrawal form” found on the Advanced Opportunities website in the Advanced Opportunities Toolkit (<https://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/advancedOpp/toolkit.htm>). This form can be submitted to the school counselor. It is important to note that a student is able to re-enroll in the program following a withdrawal if desired. To re-enroll, a student would need to submit a new sign up form. The counselor will then log into the Advanced Opportunities Portal to edit the status of the student’s participation in the course.

How early can my student begin the 8 in 6 program? A student can begin taking courses during the summer following their 6th grade year.

How can a student plan for success in the 8 in 6 program? Students are encouraged to meet with their counselors to develop a four, five, or six year learning plan. Because a student is taking courses out of order, it is likely that these courses will impact scheduling in the future. As such, it may be in the student’s best interest to select courses that will minimize these conflicts. Having a planned pathway can be helpful.

During which school year will summer courses count? A summer course counts for the following school year. As recognized in this program, a student graduates into the next grade-level as soon as they complete the previous year (i.e., A student becomes a junior the moment they complete their sophomore year).

What type of student will be successful in overload classes? A successful student is typically self-motivated and is seeking an academic challenge. The student has a clear purpose for completing graduation requirements early. Overload courses are often online courses, which require a high degree of independent learning.

Are dual enrollment courses eligible for the program? Yes. While dual enrollment courses are covered, note that only the tuition portion of the dual credit courses will be covered. Additional fees associated with the courses, like activity or lab fees, will not be covered.

Please expand on the definition of an overload class. An overload course is defined as a course taken above and beyond the maximum credit offering at the school (the regular school

day offerings). For example: if a school offers 16 credits during the school year, an overload course would be any additional course taken above the 16 credits. According to the law, a school district full course load must be at least 12 credits, as it relates to this program.

Will I be required to pay the cost of the course up front? School district policy will determine who originally pays the course cost. If asked to pay initially, the parent will be reimbursed by the district following its reimbursement by the State Department of Education. It is important to consult with your student's school counselor to learn more about how the school district plans to manage course expenses.

Is my student eligible for the program? It is recommended to consult with your student's school counselor to determine the best plan of action for your student.

Are high school classes taken in middle school transcribed on the high school transcript? If your child chooses to take a high school course through 8 in 6, it **will** be transcribed on their high school transcript. Students/parents do not have the option to remove the grade from the transcript if a poor grade is earned. It is important for your student to understand the impact of grades earned in these courses on their final high school GPA. Careful consideration should be taken when selecting courses. If this is a concern, a student may consider signing up for a middle-school 8 in 6 courses instead.